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1. The old infantry barracks at the southeast edge of the village can take a complete infantry regiment up to 1,500 men. At present it contains an infantry regiment, with a regimental staff and regimental troops consisting of a heavy machine gun company, a communications company, an AA machine gun company, a medium mortar company, and a horse-drawn train company. One rifle battalion of the company is at the barracks. This would appear to be either a training regiment or a regimental command that also contains training units. It is equipped with Soviet heavy infantry weapons.
2. There is a new infantry barracks, west of Pitesti at the edge of the village, consisting of: a three-story building, a school (until 1949); another three-story building and two depot buildings. The total capacity is 1,000 to 1,100 men. In August 1952 a training regiment was established here. The commander is Capt. Catronescu. It is divided into a staff, consisting of one officer, 10 men; a medical group, one officer, four men; a training group, five officers and 32 instructor noncommissioned officers; 1st Training Battalion with four companies of 100 men each, divided into four platoons of three squads each; 2nd Training Battalion, which is in a wood between Pitesti and Arges.
3. This training regiment is for older men of the war-year classes. The main purpose is to teach them new Soviet weapons. The auto park of the regiment consists of one command car, two jeeps and five to seven trucks.

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4. The officers and noncommissioned officers have pistols. The men have Soviet type rifles. Each squad has three Degtyarev machine pistols with drum magazines and one light machine gun. Each platoon has a Maxim heavy machine gun. Each company has a 76.2 AT gun, a bazooka, a heavy AA machine gun, an 82 mm mortar, two field telephones and two Soviet radios.
5. In training all soldiers work with rifles, machine pistols, heavy and light machine guns. The AT guns and mortars are restricted to picked men. In a two-month period there were five night alarms and two day alarms. Weight is laid on accurate fire, field battle exercises and the construction of firing positions.

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